

## EDITORIAL REPORT

The number of papers received by the journal has fallen slightly this year — 100 for 1996/97 compared with 130 in 1995/96. No papers have been received for special issues of the journal this year as opposed to 20 in the previous year thus accounting for most of the difference in numbers of papers received. Nearly half of the papers received this year arrived between June and September and many are still in the review process at this stage (early October). Of the remainder 21% have been accepted, 29% rejected and 50% are with authors. It is likely, looking at the final outcome for previous years, that the rejection rate will be at about 35/40%. The authorship of the journal remains wide-ranging. There has been some increase in UK/BGRG contributions perhaps reflecting the recent UK Research Assessment Exercise.

Seventy-three papers were published in 11 issues of the journal produced since the last report including 14 from the special issue from 1995 IBG at Strathclyde. The Technical and Software Bulletin is not included in these figures. From next year there will be 13 issues a year. This increase in issues is having a significant effect on the time to publication. Although there are currently 53 papers with the publishers it is now only 8 months until publication, a fall of 2 months from the same time last year.

Three special issues are currently planned. The first comes from the fluvial session of the September 1996 IAG in Bologna and will be edited by Colin Thorne and Paolo Billi. The second will come from the 1998 IBG/RGS meeting at the University of Surrey on 'Modelling geomorphology in a GIS framework' and the third from July 1998 Conference on Aeolian Research at the University of Oxford. Guest editors for these have yet to be confirmed.

From 1999 it is planned to put the technical and software contributions within the normal issues of the journal. There will no longer be a special TSB issue. This will allow the more regular publishing of technical papers. It has been made possible by the forthcoming publication of Earth Surface Processes and Landforms on the World Wide Web. The paper version of the journal will still be published in parallel, and will remain the official record of publication. The WWW will, however, provide opportunities for the wider use of colour, the authors software and data and eventually sound and video.

There will be some changes in the editorial board from 1998 but these have not all been finalised. Danny McCarroll has now taken over as BGRG Editor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him as well as the many distinguished referees listed below, who have generously given their time and thought to maintaining the standard and style of the journal this year and who are helping to continue the distinctive niche which Earth Surface Processes and Landforms has created and developed for over twenty years.

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